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IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 4-10, 14 and 17 as follows:

A ✓ 4.(Amended) A method according to [one of the preceding claims] claim 1, characterized in that cooling of the product stream in step iv) is carried out by feeding it in counterflow to the aqueous fluid comprising carbonaceous material to be gasified.

5.(Amended) A method according to one of the [claims 1-3] claim 1, characterized in that the carbonaceous material-depleted aqueous fluid is heated, oxygen-comprising gas is introduced into the heated fluid, oxygen is reacted with the carbonaceous material present in the depleted aqueous fluid producing heat, which heat is transferred to an aqueous fluid comprising carbonaceous material to be gasified.

6.(Amended) A method according to [one of the preceding claims] claim 1, characterized in that a portion of the combustible gas formed is used to attain the elevated temperature described in step ii).

7.(Amended) A method according to [one of the preceding claims] claim 1, characterized in that subsequent heating is effectuated by counterflow to the aqueous fluid comprising carbonaceous material to be gasified.

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8.(Amended) A method according to [one of the preceding claims] claim 1, characterized in that the heat supplied to the fluid comprising material to be gasified stems from an exothermal synthesis reaction.

9.(Amended) A method according to claim 6 [or 7], characterized in that the combustible gas is combusted in a combustion installation to yield electricity and heat.

10.(Amended) A method according to [one of the preceding claims] claim 1, characterized in that the carbonaceous material to be gasified is biomass.

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14.(Amended) An installation according to claim 12 [or 13], characterized in that the installation comprises a heat exchanger for conducting combustion products coming from the incinerator in counterflow to oxygen-comprising gas to be supplied to the first inlet.

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17.(Amended) An installation according to claim 15 [or 16], characterized in that the installation comprises means for the combustion of the combustible gas to yield electricity and heat.